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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to firefighter cancer benefits;
3 amending s. 112.1816, F.S.; requiring a former
4 employer to provide death benefits to certain
5 beneficiaries for a specified time period under
6 certain circumstances; providing a finding and
7 declaration of important state interest; providing an
8 effective date.

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10 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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12 Section 1. Paragraph (c) of subsection (4) of section
13 112.1816, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

14 112.1816 Firefighters; cancer diagnosis.—

15 (4)

16 (c) Firefighters who die as a result of cancer or
17 circumstances that arise out of the treatment of cancer are
18 considered to have died in the manner as described in s.
19 112.191(2) (a), and all of the benefits arising out of such death
20 are available to the deceased firefighter's beneficiary. Such
21 death benefits must be made available by the former employer of
22 the firefighter for 1 year after the date on which the
23 firefighter terminated employment so long as the firefighter
24 otherwise met the criteria specified in this subsection when he
25 or she terminated employment and was not employed as a
26 firefighter after that date.

27 Section 2. The Legislature finds and declares that this act
28 fulfills an important state interest.

29 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2026.